

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2
(MC2010-21)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2015-106

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF AND APPROVING
MODIFICATION THREE

(Issued October 25, 2016)

The Postal Service seeks to modify a Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 negotiated service agreement.¹ For the reasons discussed below, the Commission approves the Modification.

In Order No. 2626, the Commission approved the Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 negotiated service agreement (Existing Agreement).² On October

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Three to a Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, October 24, 2016 (Notice). The modification is an attachment to the Notice (Modification).

² See Order Approving Additional Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, July 30, 2015 (Order No. 2626). The contract was later modified twice. See Order No. 3430, Order Approving Modification One, July 15, 2016; Order No. 3531, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Approving Modification Two, September 23, 2016.

24, 2016, the Postal Service filed notice that it has agreed to the Modification to the Existing Agreement.

The Postal Service states that the Existing Agreement, as modified, is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2016. Notice at 1. The Postal Service further asserts that it has filed a signed renewal agreement with the Commission in Docket No. CP2017-19, which is intended to go into effect, if possible, on November 1, 2016. *Id.* However, because of the possibility that the Existing Agreement may expire before the successor agreement goes into effect, the Postal Service and the contract partner have signed Modification Three, which states that the Existing Agreement will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on the business day after the Commission concludes its review of the successor agreement filed in Docket No. CP2017-19, unless terminated sooner pursuant to Article 12 or Article 13 of the Existing Agreement. *Id.* at 2.

The Postal Service requests that the Commission approve Modification Three to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the agreement. *Id.* It also requests that the Commission list the agreement that is the subject of this docket on the Mail Classification Schedule according to the terms of Modification Three. *Id.*

The Commission grants the Motion and approves Modification Three. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue until 11:59 p.m. on the business day after the Commission concludes its review of the successor agreement filed in Docket No. CP2017-19, unless terminated earlier pursuant to Article 12 or Article 13 of the Existing Agreement. The Postal Service shall notify the Commission of the final expiration date of the Existing Agreement, as modified.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed on October 24, 2016, is granted.

2. The Commission approves Modification Three, filed by the Postal Service on October 24, 2016.
3. The Postal Service shall notify the Commission of the final expiration date of the Existing Agreement, as modified.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary